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Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"May I know whether the Government propose to increase the licence fees on boats plying on the Buckingham canal alone, or also on boats plying in other parts, for instance, in the Godavari and Kistna deltas?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"The proposal that I referred to was only with regard to the Buckingham canal."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Apart from the increase of fees, may I know whether the Government have any other measures in contemplation to make the loss less than what it is now?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"At the present moment I cannot remember anything else; any suggestion will be welcome."

Irrigation

Investigation of the Vemanda branch project.

* 1670 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the investigation to carry on the Vemanda branch project in Kistna district has been completed;

(b) when the project will be executed; and

(c) what is the number of acres likely to be benefited by it?

A.—No such project is under contemplation. If the hon. Member refers to the Vempad branch project, estimates for the scheme to irrigate about 4,500 acres of short crop in the Kistna Eastern Delta have been received from the Chief Engineer, and referred to the Board of Revenue for report on its financial aspect. On receipt of the Board's report the scheme will be taken up for consideration.

Issue of water from the Red Hills lake for irrigation purposes.

* 1671 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when the issue of water for irrigation from the Red Hills lake was started last year;

(b) what the level of water in that lake was;

(c) whether the issue of water for irrigation is still going on;

(d) what the amount of water issued for irrigation from the Red Hills lake up to 10th February is;

(e) what the quantity of water that is issued daily is; and

(f) how long the Government propose to issue water at this rate to the ryots without causing anxiety to the city supply?

A.—(a) 5th December 1928.

(b) + 44·47 feet.

(c), (e) & (f) The answer to clause (c) is in the negative.

(d) 62·75 m.c.ft.